

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಜಿ. ಬಣಕಾರ್ :— ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ 331 ಜನ ಡಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದಲ್ಲದೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಸಹಾ ಇವರನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಬಹಳ ಸಂತೋಷದ ವಿಷಯ. ಆದರೆ ಇಂಥ ಡಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳ ನೇಮಕ ಅವರ ಅನುಭವ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಸೇವೆ ಅಸ್ತತ್ಯಗಳೆಲ್ಲರತಕ್ಕ ರೋಗಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದೊರೆಯಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇವರ ಅನುಭವ ಮತ್ತು ಸೇವೆ ದೊರೆಯಲೆಂದು ಒಂದು ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆಯೋ ಅಥವಾ ಕೆಲಸವಿಲ್ಲದವರಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಕೊಡತಕ್ಕ ದೃಷ್ಟಿ ಇಂದ ಅಥವಾ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಜೀವನೋಪಾಯವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸತಕ್ಕ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆಯೋ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ವಿವರಿಸಬೇಕು. ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈಗತಾನೆ ಓದಿದ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊನೆಯ ಪ್ಯಾರಾದಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಅಂಶ ಅಷ್ಟು ಸೂಕ್ತವಾಗಿದ್ದಂತೆ ನನಗೆ ಕಂಡು ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಡಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳನ್ನು ಇನ್ನೆಷ್ಟು ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ :— ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಗೆಜೆಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡ್ವರ್ಟೈಸ್ ಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳು ಬಂದ ನಂತರ ಅಲ್ಲಿಯ ಸೆಲೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಕಮಿಷಿಯವರು ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅದು ಬಂದ ನಂತರ ಇವರನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಇನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಈ ಡಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳನ್ನು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸವಿಲ್ಲದ ಕಾರಣ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸತಕ್ಕ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ಇಂದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಕೆಲಸವಿಲ್ಲದವರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಒದಗಿಸತಕ್ಕ ಜಾಗ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಇವರನ್ನು ಇವರ ಸೇವೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅನುಭವಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಲಭಿಸಲೆಂಬ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಇವರನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು.

(III) *Re : Hunger strike by the Pharmacy College, Bangalore.*

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram): I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the hunger strike by the students of Pharmacy Collage, Bangalore.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— At the outset I may bring to the notice of the hon. member that I have received intimation that these students have called off their hunger strike.

SRI M. S. KRISHAN : At our instance !

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I thank the hon. member, and I do not think he needs a further statement.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN : Madam Speaker, the statement has to be made, because the strike is still on. only the hunger strike has been called off.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—(Minister for Health) Sir, reply to the above calling attention Notice. I state as follows :

All the students of the Government College of Pharmacy, Bangalore abstained from their classes from the afternoon of 30th January 1974 after an executive Committee Meeting of their Pharmacedutical Society decided to go on indefinite strike until their demands are as follows .—

1. Implementation of Hospital Pharmacy,
2. Pay scales and equal status on par with Medical Graduates.
3. Appointment of unemployed pharmacy graduates in all pharmacedutical concerns.
4. Increase of stipend from Rs. 150 P. M. to Rs. 300/ P. M. during their training period of two months.
5. Increase of University grants for the academic and sports actuities.
6. Construction of new college building.
7. Hostel facilities to the students.
8. Appointment of adequate Class IV employees in their College.
9. Allotment of funds for the purchase of books to the Library.

10. Employment as Food Inspectors and Excise Inspectors.

Repeated requests of the Principal of the College and of the Drugs Controller asking the students to go back to their classes have not been successful. A delegation of these students had a personal interview with the Health Minister and later with the Chief Minister also.

On 8th February 1974 I heard them in the presence of the Director of Health and Family Planning Services, Drugs Controller, Principal of the College and the Commissioner for Health and Municipal Administer when all the demands were discussed in detail and certain assurances were given which I shall presently explain. But inspite of the replies and assurances given, the students have not yet resumed their classes. Instead, they lunched on a relay hunger strike from 11-2-1974 on the ground that they wanted immediate orders of the Government in respect of their demands from 24th February 1974, some unemployed graduates in pharmacy, who are past students of this College have also joined the hunger strike pressing their demands for greater job opportunities. From 1-3-74, 4 students have gone on an indefinite hunger strike.

I shall now proceed to deal with their demands individually—

1. HOSPITAL PHARMACIES :—

An expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. H. Shama Sastry then Director of Health and Family Planning Services had made certain recommendations to Government in the year 1968 in regard to the setting up of manufacturing Pharmacies in all Major Hospitals and District Hospitals wherein graduate Pharmacies could be employed to manufacture at low cost a number of simple drugs and medicines used in large quantities in every

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hospital. The report of this expert Committee was accepted by Government in principle, to be implemented in stages.

The State Government have already sanctioned the establishment of seven Hospital Pharmacies in the following hospitals :—

1. Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, Bangalore
2. K. M. C Hospital, Hubli
3. K. R. Hospital, Mysore
4. Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore
5. Medical College Hospital at Bellary
6. Chigateri General Hospital, Davangere
7. Civil Hospital, Gulbarga

In the hospitals at Bangalore and Hubli three posts of graduate Pharmacists each have been sanctioned and these Pharmacies are reported to be running efficiently. Government also propose to establish one hospital pharmacy in the Victoria Hospital, Bangalore. So far 15 posts of graduate Pharmacists have been created and more will be created in due course depending on exigencies. The deligation which met me on 8-2-1944 pressed their demand for filling all the existing vacancies and I have promised to do so. A requisition for advertisement of the vacancies has since been sent to the Public Service Commission which will make the recruitment. Meanwhile the Hon'ble Chief Minister has approved a proposal to appoint ten of these graduates as local candidates immediately pending recruitment by the P. S. C. Appointments to ten posts will be made shortly from among those registered in the Employment Exchange. According to the report received from the Employment Exchange there are 30 unemployed Pharmacy graduates.

2. PAY SCALES AND EQUAL STATUS WITH MEDICAL GRADUATES :—

The duration of the M.B.B.S. course is $4\frac{1}{2}$ years *plus* one year of House Surgeoncy whereas the B. Pharm degree course is of 4 years duration only. Doctors joining service in the Class II cadre are given the pay scale of Rs. 400-950 and graduate pharmacists and Drugs Inspectors are given Rs. 300-7 0. Obviously the demand of the Pharmacy students for parity with doctors is not justifiable and I have informed them accordingly. Certain Pharmacy graduates are employed as Demonstrators in the College and as Junior Chemists on a lower pay-scale of Rs. 175-450 and Lecturers in the Pharmacy College are given the pay scale of Rs. 275-550. The question of enhancing these pay scales will be considered when the finances permit and at the time when the general question of revision of pay scales is taken up.

3. APPOINTMENT IN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTORIES: —

It is reported that about 200 B. Pharm graduates have so far passed out of this college and that most of them are actually employed in various Pharmaceutical concerns both within and outside the State. The Government cannot dictate to such concerns to employ more of them. The Government however hope that many more Pharmaceutical industrial units will be set up in our state absorbing the Pharmacy graduates of this State in their service.

4. INCREASE OF STIPEND .—

Every final year B. Pharm. student is sent to a drug manufactory usually outside the State for a two-month period of practical training. This State Government was so far paying them a stipend of Rs. 150 p. m. An assurance was given to the striking students that the Government would increase this stipend. This assurance has already been implemented and the stipend has been

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increased to Rs. 200 p. m. *plus* Rs. 20 as House Rent allowance with effect from 1st March 1974.

5. INCREASE OF UNIVERSITY GRANTS FOR SPORTS, ETC., :—

The University does not give any grants for such expenditure. This is entirely a matter for the University to consider. The sports fee, etc., collected in the College are used exclusively for the purpose for which they are levied.

6. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COLLEGE BUILDING :—

The College was started in the year 1965 in its present buildings at Lalbagh Road, Bangalore *i.e.*, the old Vaccine Institute buildings. It is no doubt unsuitable. Elaborate plans and estimates drawn up during 1967-68 for a new building could not be implemented for want of adequate finances. The central assistance once offered by the All India Council of Technical Education for this new building did not materialise. The Government propose to take up construction of new buildings on the existing campus during the V Five Year Plan period.

7. HOSTLE FACILITIES :—

The college does not have its own hostel. It has about 120 undergraduate students. A proposal to hire a building on a rent of Rs. 3,000 p. m. was given up some time back as the rent was considered too high. The Government was assured the students that hostel facilities will be provided in a suitable rented building. The students will have to share the rent of the building to be hired. As soon as suitable buildings become available the hostel will be started. The Dean of the Bangalore Medical College has also been requested to

consider the feasibility to provide accommodation to a few Pharmacy students in the hostel of the Medical College.

8. CLASS IV STAFF FOR THE COLLEGE

There are 20 class IV employees in the College and its laboratories. This contingent of Class IV staff is considered adequate. A little inconvenience was caused when some sweepers were absent from duty. All the class IV staff are attending to their duties regularly now.

9. FUNDS FOR LIBRARY BOOKS.

The College has 1887 costly library books and 24 journals both national and international. Every year new books and new journals are being purchased. The library and reading room are always open to them. More books will be added to the library this year and in future years. The college possesses a library with books and journals worth more than Rs. One lakh. Every year an average of Rs. 16,000 is being spent over books and scientific journals and this amount constitutes about one sixth of the contingent grant for the college. It has been assured to the students that suggestions will be invited in respect of new additions to the college library.

10. EMPLOYMENT AS FOOD INSPECTORS AND EXCISE INSPECTORS.

The question of making pharmacy graduates eligible for appointment as Food Inspectors and Excise Inspectors is being examined in consultation with the Director of Food Supplies and the Excise Commissioner. A decision in this regard will be taken in due course after consulting the Public Service Commission also.

It will be clear to this august house from the facts I have explained in the statement that the interests of

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the Pharmacy students as well as the unemployed Pharmacy graduates are not neglected and that all possible steps are being taken to improve their lot.

I therefore appeal to the young students once again through this august House to withdraw their agitation and I am sure the entire house will join with me in requesting these students to call off their strike forthwith and co-operative with the authorities in solving their problems.

2-00 P. M.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—At the outset I must thank the Hon. Minister for having looked into the grievances of the Pharmacy students and also considering some of the issues which they have raised. In regard to the hospital building, you have stated that the report of the expert committee was accepted by Government in principle to implement them in stages. The recommendation was made in 1968 and now we are in 1974. When was this recommendation accepted by the Government and how long will you take to put up the hospital building and why should there be a question of implementation in stages?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I do not know when the recommendation came up. But I may tell you that after this Government came into office we have sanctioned 9 Pharmacy hospitals. Already 3-4 are working and for others we are waiting for equipment and building. As soon as get them, I am sure that within the course of next official year all the pharmacies will come into being.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN :—You have already spoken about the college building and you have very specifically stated that the college building is unsuitable and that the new building could not be put up for want of finance.

May I draw your attention to your own statement which has appeared in the Indian Express of 20th November 1972 where in you have very clearly stated that even animals cannot get training in this laboratory and you have further stated that the question of finances does not come in the way of building? This shows that we you have stated then is quite different from what you have stated now.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA:—The question of finance will not come in future so far as providing building facilities are concerned. You may kindly read my statement once again.

I entirely agree with the Hon. Member that those buildings are unsuitable for the hospital because they were meant for a vaccine Institute. They had then prepared an estimate costing some lakhs; due to paucity of funds, we could not take up the construction. Now the idea of the Government is not to have such big buildings. We would like to put up nice sheds where we could have all the sanitary fittings and other things and have this college building as a model one, spending as little as we can and making it more accommodative.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—In 1972 you had stated that the question of finance does not come in the way of putting up a building. In 1974, you are proposing to put up sheds. I request you to press the Finance Minister to see that adequate funds are provided and the building is constructed early.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have already done so. You may also put forth your influence.

(iii) Re : *Reported food Poisoning in Govt. Women's College, Mandya.*